
Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Statistical Report

for Injury Years 1998 – 2005

This report summarizes information reported to the court by employers and insurers for work-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar years 1998 through 2005, regardless of the year in which the reports were filed. The data includes information reported through April 30, 2006 and is compiled in the tables described below in accordance with the year in which the injury occurred.

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Table 1 — Injuries Reported by Gender								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	19,367	20,043	20,686	20,853	22,306	24,403	24,511	24,309
Male	28,857	31,590	31,264	32,632	36,654	40,045	40,399	42,038
Unreported	2,211	451	1,829	4,633	4,160	2,757	2,090	989
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

Table 2 — Injuries Reported by Age								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
17 Years & Under	606	632	662	800	908	1,192	1,170	1,118
18-19 Years	1,716	1,733	1,822	1,860	2,198	2,764	2,627	2,648
20-29 Years	12,623	13,116	13,385	14,414	15,488	17,284	17,177	17,125
30-39 Years	10,968	11,571	12,409	13,688	15,228	16,927	17,382	17,515
40-49 Years	12,386	13,053	13,554	13,970	14,915	15,499	14,837	14,535
50-59 Years	9,158	8,864	8,827	8,613	8,729	8,616	8,436	7,780
60-69 Years	2,542	2,608	2,622	2,359	2,391	2,341	2,243	2,133
70+ Years	428	466	460	481	435	427	380	352
Unreported	8	41	38	1,933	2,828	2,155	2,748	4,130
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

Table 3 — Injuries Reported by Part of Body*								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Back	7,139	7,482	8,045	9,137	9,736	9,896	9,043	8,367
Body As A Whole	16	20	37	23	1	1		
Head	5,533	5,708	5,884	6,521	7,145	7,783	7,348	7,820
Knee	3,414	3,512	3,631	3,727	3,967	4,064	3,920	3,742
Lower Extremities	5,678	5,760	5,853	6,203	6,722	7,294	7,358	7,121
Multiple Body Parts	5,027	4,800	4,839	5,132	6,079	6,207	7,009	7,706
Neck	1,022	887	877	1,054	1,132	962	989	812
Trunk	2,564	2,810	2,688	2,830	3,037	3,760	4,479	4,984
Upper Extremities	17,692	18,512	19,259	20,591	22,136	23,840	23,582	23,581
Wrist	2,350	2,593	2,666	2,900	3,165	3,398	3,272	3,203
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

* Classified according to the Detailed Claim Information format of the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Table 4 — Injuries Reported by Cause of Injury*								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Burn/Scald-Heat/Cold Exposure	2,058	2,009	1,866	2,319	2,946	3,088	2,864	2,978
Caught In Or Inbetween	2,294	2,264	2,415	2,421	2,732	2,872	2,528	2,521
Fall Or Slip Injury	9,432	9,380	9,713	9,216	11,565	10,552	10,839	10,359
Injured By Cut, Puncture Or Scrape	5,886	5,859	5,860	6,509	7,083	8,832	9,768	10,168
Motor Vehicle	1,149	1,159	1,096	1,191	1,236	1,192	1,230	1,229
Rubbed Or Abraded	222	237	219	239	211	237	152	153
Strain	14,655	15,671	16,248	18,508	19,083	20,848	20,942	20,305
Striking Against Or Stepping On	3,005	3,180	3,381	3,579	3,759	3,429	2,768	2,754
Struck	6,722	6,952	7,093	7,718	7,541	8,284	8,302	8,227
Miscellaneous Causes	5,012	5,373	5,888	6,418	6,964	7,871	7,607	8,642
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

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Table 5 — Injuries Reported by Nature of Injury*								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Amputation	114	116	129	144	155	189	144	142
Bruise Or Swelling	8,919	9,059	9,553	9,750	10,841	11,031	9,854	7,874
Burn Or Exposure	1,464	1,530	1,524	1,785	1,910	2,089	2,180	2,438
Cut Or Abrasion	11,345	11,577	11,979	13,177	14,186	15,626	15,831	16,223
Fracture	1,840	1,918	1,958	1,941	2,190	2,265	2,156	2,128
Multiple Injuries	850	945	784	829	1,021	1,316	1,974	2,569
Occupational Disease	404	458	479	503	550	632	535	524
Repetitive Motion	880	1,164	1,172	1,229	1,217	1,323	1,052	836
Sprain Or Rupture	18,950	20,028	20,339	22,588	24,345	23,575	21,849	20,403
All Other Claims, NOC	5,669	5,289	5,862	6,172	6,705	9,159	11,425	14,199
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

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Table 6 — Injuries Reported by Industry*								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Accommodation & Food Services	2,254	2,463	2,755	3,158	3,222	3,771	3,857	3,693
Administrative & Support, Waste Management, & Remediation Services	1,824	1,859	2,674	2,779	2,289	2,824	2,940	2,511
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	880	1,146	1,096	1,221	1,296	1,551	1,322	1,188
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	182	367	238	161	144	158	123	130
Construction	3,169	3,428	3,750	4,050	4,465	5,181	5,376	5,773
Educational Services	2,470	2,791	2,826	2,811	3,117	2,909	3,494	3,687
Finance & Insurance	690	610	626	748	1,201	1,624	966	786
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,397	5,319	7,002	6,736	6,557	6,910	7,900	7,674
Information	930	1,019	857	766	684	750	1,582	1,774
Company & Enterprise Management	896	757	248	133	130	93	76	95
Manufacturing	9,629	9,903	10,427	12,149	14,596	16,923	16,849	18,298
Mining	85	160	163	149	160	157	100	110
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	1,914	1,356	1,014	1,582	1,836	1,523	876	864
Public Administration	4,483	5,471	5,736	6,007	6,009	5,078	3,144	2,601
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	347	350	362	379	415	495	486	462
Retail Trade	4,966	4,574	4,958	4,947	5,311	5,940	6,137	6,133
Transportation & Warehousing	4,320	4,156	4,103	4,769	5,304	5,233	5,326	4,918
Utilities	539	456	502	540	543	597	753	831
Wholesale Trade	2,412	2,523	2,890	3,180	3,545	4,109	4,425	4,632
Other Services	978	1,284	1,413	1,377	1,568	1,172	1,071	1,158
Unknown	3,070	2,092	139	476	728	207	197	18
Total	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336

* Classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes published by the Office of Management & Budget.

Table 7 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,055,576.68	\$1,497,594.27	\$1,711,795.07	\$1,716,523.74	\$1,800,709.83	\$1,887,853.83	\$1,815,217.29	\$1,709,731.57
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	1,247	1,508	1,438	1,527	1,555	1,615	1,589	1,539
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$846.49	\$993.10	\$1,190.40	\$1,124.12	\$1,158.01	\$1,168.95	\$1,142.36	\$1,110.94
Temporary Total								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$9,820,429.35	\$18,569,412.89	\$24,019,726.47	\$28,806,208.36	\$32,867,756.19	\$31,506,462.19	\$28,415,199.46	\$26,008,490.31
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	4,755	5,674	5,927	6,324	6,621	6,596	6,588	6,647
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,065.28	\$3,272.72	\$4,052.59	\$4,555.06	\$4,964.17	\$4,776.60	\$4,313.18	\$3,912.82
Permanent Partial Scheduled								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,249,189.08	\$11,281,803.35	\$14,033,989.19	\$15,624,307.66	\$17,368,504.57	\$17,154,670.98	\$16,613,107.39	\$14,437,478.77
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	638	1,743	2,160	2,358	2,482	2,307	2,148	2,070
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$5,092.77	\$6,472.64	\$6,497.22	\$6,626.08	\$6,997.79	\$7,435.92	\$7,734.22	\$6,974.63
Permanent Partial Unscheduled								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$400,828.69	\$1,969,884.27	\$4,295,134.05	\$5,770,433.63	\$6,791,324.45	\$7,013,056.24	\$7,077,465.98	\$6,011,460.15
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	113	391	662	781	848	925	956	840
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$3,547.16	\$5,038.07	\$6,488.12	\$7,388.52	\$8,008.64	\$7,581.68	\$7,403.21	\$7,156.50
Permanent Total								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$4,539.74	\$126,887.87	\$293,348.26	\$447,338.04	\$356,685.56	\$1,004,515.98	\$1,004,540.89	\$1,084,514.61
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	9	22	39	33	20	30	19	27
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$504.42	\$5,767.63	\$7,521.75	\$13,555.70	\$17,834.28	\$33,483.87	\$52,870.57	\$40,167.21
Medical								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$54,504,737.49	\$101,524,119.50	\$114,850,224.60	\$117,881,592.50	\$109,560,269.20	\$109,784,615.12	\$95,177,269.43	\$86,451,881.57
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	28,971	32,259	32,751	32,838	32,723	35,529	36,505	38,424
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,881.36	\$3,147.16	\$3,506.77	\$3,589.79	\$3,348.11	\$3,090.00	\$2,607.24	\$2,249.94
Death								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$215,620.78	\$500,633.41	\$715,135.28	\$1,807,230.75	\$2,547,758.45	\$1,478,331.42	\$1,765,202.72	\$946,119.94
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	11	28	28	43	30	22	25	20
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$19,601.89	\$17,879.76	\$25,540.55	\$42,028.62	\$84,925.28	\$67,196.88	\$70,608.11	\$47,306.00
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,174,994.99	\$7,573,587.98	\$17,775,917.35	\$26,501,833.92	\$32,208,520.23	\$33,671,226.43	\$34,438,800.49	\$35,441,139.75
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	215	613	1,109	1,579	1,801	1,983	2,039	2,096
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$5,465.09	\$12,354.96	\$16,028.78	\$16,783.94	\$17,883.69	\$16,979.94	\$16,890.04	\$16,908.94

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Table 7 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type (Continued)								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Vocational Rehabilitation								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$412,991.82	\$1,031,939.43	\$1,709,476.46	\$2,372,534.63	\$3,053,407.76	\$2,967,883.38	\$2,880,955.81	\$2,918,085.66
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	178	468	623	608	701	677	685	700
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,320.18	\$2,205.00	\$2,743.94	\$3,902.20	\$4,355.79	\$4,383.88	\$4,205.77	\$4,168.69
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$2,072,035.01	\$3,948,336.46	\$5,513,976.75	\$5,755,835.62	\$5,188,375.68	\$4,993,800.71	\$3,811,980.23	\$3,304,264.92
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	1,749	1,751	1,437	1,807	3,395	3,822	3,563	3,934
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,184.70	\$2,254.90	\$3,837.14	\$3,185.30	\$1,528.24	\$1,306.59	\$1,069.88	\$839.92

Table 8 — Payments Reported by Injury								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,055,576.68	\$1,497,594.27	\$1,711,795.07	\$1,716,523.74	\$1,800,709.83	\$1,887,853.83	\$1,815,217.29	\$1,709,731.57
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$20.93	\$28.75	\$31.83	\$29.54	\$28.53	\$28.09	\$27.09	\$25.39
Temporary Total								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$9,820,429.35	\$18,569,412.89	\$24,019,726.47	\$28,806,208.36	\$32,867,756.19	\$31,506,462.19	\$28,415,199.46	\$26,008,490.31
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$194.71	\$356.53	\$446.64	\$495.65	\$520.72	\$468.81	\$424.11	\$386.25
Permanent Partial Scheduled								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,249,189.08	\$11,281,803.35	\$14,033,989.19	\$15,624,307.66	\$17,368,504.57	\$17,154,670.98	\$16,613,107.39	\$14,437,478.77
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$64.42	\$216.61	\$260.96	\$268.84	\$275.17	\$255.26	\$247.96	\$214.41
Permanent Partial Unscheduled								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$400,828.69	\$1,969,884.27	\$4,295,134.05	\$5,770,433.63	\$6,791,324.45	\$7,013,056.24	\$7,077,465.98	\$6,011,460.15
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$7.95	\$37.82	\$79.87	\$99.29	\$107.59	\$104.35	\$105.63	\$89.28
Permanent Total								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$4,539.74	\$126,887.87	\$293,348.26	\$447,338.04	\$356,685.56	\$1,004,515.98	\$1,004,540.89	\$1,084,514.61
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$0.09	\$2.44	\$5.45	\$7.70	\$5.65	\$14.95	\$14.99	\$16.11

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Table 8 — Payments Reported by Injury (Continued)								
	Year of Injury							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Medical								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$54,504,737.49	\$101,524,119.53	\$114,850,224.55	\$117,881,592.49	\$109,560,269.19	\$109,784,615.12	\$95,177,269.43	\$86,451,881.57
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,080.69	\$1,949.24	\$2,135.60	\$2,028.31	\$1,735.75	\$1,633.58	\$1,420.56	\$1,283.89
Death								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$215,620.78	\$500,633.41	\$715,135.28	\$1,807,230.75	\$2,547,758.45	\$1,478,331.42	\$1,765,202.72	\$946,119.94
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$4.28	\$9.61	\$13.30	\$31.10	\$40.36	\$22.00	\$26.35	\$14.05
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,174,994.99	\$7,573,587.98	\$17,775,917.35	\$26,501,833.92	\$32,208,520.23	\$33,671,226.43	\$34,438,800.49	\$35,441,139.75
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$23.30	\$145.41	\$330.54	\$456.00	\$510.27	\$501.02	\$514.01	\$526.33
Vocational Rehabilitation								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$412,991.82	\$1,031,939.43	\$1,709,476.46	\$2,372,534.63	\$3,053,407.76	\$2,967,883.38	\$2,880,955.81	\$2,918,085.66
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$8.19	\$19.81	\$31.79	\$40.82	\$48.37	\$44.16	\$43.00	\$43.34
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$2,072,035.01	\$3,948,336.46	\$5,513,976.75	\$5,755,835.62	\$5,188,375.68	\$4,993,800.71	\$3,811,980.23	\$3,304,264.92
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$41.08	\$75.81	\$102.53	\$99.04	\$82.20	\$74.31	\$56.90	\$49.07
Total								
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$72,910,943.63	\$148,024,199.50	\$184,918,723.43	\$206,683,838.80	\$211,743,311.91	\$211,462,416.30	\$192,999,739.70	\$178,313,167.30
Total Injuries Reported	50,435	52,084	53,779	58,118	63,120	67,205	67,000	67,336
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,445.64	\$2,842.03	\$3,438.49	\$3,556.28	\$3,354.62	\$3,146.53	\$2,880.59	\$2,648.11